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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Georges Marcel Victor Thielen)
For: TIRE WITH COMPONENT OF)
RUBBER COMPOSITION COMPRISED OF)
SILICA REINFORCEMENT AND)
EMULSION POLYMERIZATION DERIVED)
TERPOLYMER RUBBER OF DIENE/VINYL)
AROMATIC COMPOUND WHICH)
CONTAINS PENDANT HYDROXYL)
GROUPS)
Serial No.: 10/090,403)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated April 5, 2007, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicant's invention.